GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of locations where Export Processing Zones, Special Economic Zones, Foreign Trade Zones and Agro Export Zones are functioning in the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) the activities carried out by these Zones during the last three years;

(c) whether these Zones are not functioning as per their targets;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : No Export Processing Zone or Foreign Trade Zone schemes are in operation at present. Presently no Special Economic Zones are functioning in Bihar. Only one Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for Litchi, Vegetables & Honey has been notified in Bihar. A statement giving state wise details of Special Economic Zones and Agri Export Zones notified in the country is annexed.

(b): 135 farmers have been imparted training and a pack house has already been commissioned there. During the current year area under litchi cultivation would be expanded to 1300 acres and 10000 farmers are likely to benefit from this AEZ.

(c) to (f): The exports of Litchis from this AEZ have increased from 152 MTs in 2002-03 to approximately 900 MTs in 2005-06. Government has constituted a Peer Evaluation Committee for evaluation of the AEZs.

Statement giving state wise details of SEZs and Agri Export Zones notified in the country

S. No.	State	No. of notified SEZs	No. of notified AEZs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16	5
2.	Assam	-	1
3.	Bihar	-	1
4.	Chandigarh	1	
5.	Gujarat	9	3
6.	Haryana	2	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	-	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	2
9.	Jharkhand	1	1
10.	Karnataka	10	4
11.	Kerala	6	2
12.	Maharashtra	8	8
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3	5
14.	Orissa	-	1
15.	Punjab	1	3
16.	Rajasthan	2	2
17.	Sikkim	-	2
18.	Tamilnadu	14	4
19.	Tripura	-	1
20.	Uttaranchal	-	4
21.	Uttar Pradesh	5	4
22.	West Bengal	4	6
	Total	82	60